

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 2000 - HB 1939

March 7, 2014

**SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL:** Creates additional requirements for certain authorized dispensers of opioids and benzodiazepines. Prior to dispensing, an authorized dispenser shall require the recipient to present a suitable form of identification. If the recipient is paying in cash or money order, the recipient must provide a signature. A licensed pharmacist may only dispense and mail or deliver a valid prescription for opioid or benzodiazepine if the signature of the recipient is obtained at the time of actual delivery. This act shall not:

- Require the same person taking possession of the opioid or benzodiazepine to be the same person for whom the prescription is written;
- Apply to opioids or benzodiazepines dispensed by a licensed veterinarian for non-human patients;
- Apply to drug samples dispensed by a health care prescriber; or
- Apply to opioids or benzodiazepines dispensed to
  - Inpatients of a hospital;
  - Outpatients of hospital where the authorized prescriber writes the order into the patient's medical record and the prescription drug order is given directly to the hospital pharmacy for dispensing;
  - Residents of a nursing home or an assisted care living facility;
  - Inpatients or residents of a mental health hospital or residential facility;
  - A DEA-registered drug treatment program; or
  - Individuals incarcerated in a local, state or federal correctional facility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

**SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013390):** Deletes all language after the enacting clause. Defines "chronic non-malignant pain treatment" and redefines "pain management clinic" in statute and the type of services offered by a pain management clinic. Specifies that the urine drug screening conducted by providers in accordance with a written drug screening compliance plan are to be pursuant to the rules promulgated by the Department of Health.

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## **FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:**

**Unchanged from the original fiscal note.**

Assumption for the bill as amended:

- According to the Department of Health, this will have no significant impact upon the Department.

## **CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lucian D. Geise', is positioned above the printed name.

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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